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Re: **Docket No. 2005-83-A** – Comments on Proposed Procedural
Schedules in Annual Fuel Proceedings

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Nucor Steel South Carolina, a Division of Nucor Corporation (“Nucor”), we submit the following comments in response to the proposed revised fuel proceeding schedules included in Mr. David Stark’s e-mail of September 8, 2020. Since Nucor is a customer of Duke Energy Progress (“DEP”), these comments will focus on the revised DEP fuel case procedural schedule.

We appreciate Staff’s efforts to develop revised procedural schedules responding to the issues and concerns raised by parties in their comments and at the August 25, 2020, virtual forum. The proposed DEP procedural schedule for 2021 and 2022 adds an extra week between the filing of DEP’s direct testimony and the due date for the direct testimony of ORS and intervenors. The schedule also reduces the amount of time between the filing of surrebuttal testimony and the hearing date from one week to two days. Since the revised schedule would reduce the amount of time available to the parties to prepare for the hearing after filing of surrebuttal testimony, it could present challenges in some cases. Nevertheless, we think there is value to having additional time after DEP files its direct testimony for the parties to develop their own testimony and to engage in settlement discussions prior to the due date for ORS/intervenor testimony. Accordingly, while we continue to think the current procedural schedule is acceptable, we think the changes proposed by Staff are reasonable and we would not object to the revised schedule.

Regardless of whether the proposed revisions to the procedural schedule are adopted, as we noted in our initial comments, we urge the Commission to retain the flexibility and willingness to adjust the schedule in particular fuel cases based on developments in the case.

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Thank you again for considering our comments. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Smith II". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a cursive "Smith II".

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cc: All Parties of Record (By E-Mail/First Class Mail)